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It is respectfully requested that the listed items be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application. Applicants further request that an initialed copy of the enclosed FORM 1449 be entered into the application file wrapper and returned to the applicants with the next communication from the Office in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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Applicants hereby request for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Applicants' representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 12350.0010.NPUS01.

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In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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